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CURBSTONE CHIT AND CHAT.

The News of the City Dished Up for The Bee Readers.

PERSONAL POINTS POINTEDLY PUT.

Home News and Events Transpired Since our Last Issue—Other Matters Worthy of Careful Consideration.

Cardozo should be removed, is what the people say.

George Martin has a great charity scheme on foot.

Smith Wormley will be urged to succeed Dr. Shadd in the county as school trustee.

Rev. J. W. Howard has taken great interest in white lawyers.

He is very active in seeing that his colored acquaintances get white lawyers.

When Bro. Howard wants money for his church the white lawyers will subscribe.

Revs. W. B. Johnson, Walter Brooks, James H. Lee, George W. Lee, Sandy Alexander, Anderson Taylor, Robert Johnson and others believe in colored lawyers. These divines get their support from the colored people. They are also great race men.

The 2nd Baptist Sundayschool is again getting life in it. Mr. Alexander Hamilton is at its head again.

The Mt. Zereel Baptist church is not yet out of trouble. It will be shown, it is reported, that a great deal of money has been collected and not turned into the church.

Dr C. B. Purvis read a fine paper before the Second Baptist church lyceum on last Sabbath afternoon. The exercises were largely attended.

Dr. C. B. Crusor, of West Washington, is gaining quite a reputation as a physician.

Mr. C. C. Stewart, who will graduate in medicine next year from the Howard University, is one of the brightest students in the senior class.

Hon. H. C. C. Astwood is in San Domingo looking after the interests of Mr. McKay.

Hon. John M. Langston has changed his mind since the recent defeat of the democratic party.

Mr. James H. Meriwether is one of the most enterprising real estate men in this city.

Uncle Bob Brown's colt is growing larger and handsomer. Uncle Bob thinks the world of his colt.

Miss Flora Batson, the greatest living singer of the age, will be in this city soon and the people should not fail to hear her.

There is a great deal of disatisfaction among the people as to the management of the colored high school.

The Coteries will receive in a body on new year's day. The young ladies are making great preparations for the event.

Major W. C. Cox, who was charged with collecting money by false pretense, was put under $1,000 bond and in default he was sent to jail.

The Baptist minister's meeting was largely attended on Monday. The discussions were lively and interesting.

Mr. C. H. Watson is exhibiting to the public a most wonderful freak of nature. He expects to exhibit in Baltimore, Maryland, next week.

The Bethel literary and historical association was well attended on last Tuesday evening.

There were six colored men granted whiskey licenses this year.

Mr. Francis Hall has closed up his business for the present.

The reception at the police court on Monday was very large. The colored contingent was in the majority as usual.

Col. M. M. Parker, the republican Commissioner, has been quite sick. His interest in starving white republicans was too much for him to stand.

Col. John W. Ross will probably be succeeded by himself. Col. Ross is a genuine man.

The BEE is an ardent worker. For the just, true and upright it makes honey day by day, but its sting is felt by the transgressor be he mighty or weak.

At a call meeting of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. held in their parlors, on Eleventh street, n w, the report of a special committee appointed to secure the services of a general secretary was read. They stated that they had called the Rev. W. A. Burch of Chicago, Ill., to the secretaryship, who had accepted the position. Rev. Burch being called upon, in a cheering speech accepted the general secretaryship.

PUBLIC OPINION.

From the Omaha Progress.

A colored man who contemplates joining the ranks of democracy, should go to the southlands and see how his people are treated by that party.

From the Courier.

The Hon. C. H. J. Taylor and Hon. John M. Langston are at present engaged in a newspaper war which will materially affect the par value of the veracity of one of them and possibly both. Taylor claims that he had "a tip" to the effect that Langston, a life-long office-holding republican, was a "sub rosa" candidate for recorder of deeds. Langston denies the allegation and defies the "alligator." So there the matter rests, with Langston's $100 wager awaiting proof.

From the Petersburg Herald.

Whatever may be said of the American negro, it must be admitted that the race, as a whole, is possessed of true American patriotism, the love the race has for this country and the anxiety felt for its material growth, intellectual and moral improvement is well known. The negro is interested in all that is American, and is willing and ready to do anything for the upbuilding of all worthy American institutions.

From the Weekly Express.

Colored men, learn to support each other in business. It does not matter whether you are friends or enemies, whether you are serving God or the devil, our cause is one and the same.

From the Freeman.

A "gentleman from Kentucky, sah!" His name is Mr. Claude M. Johnson, "A genteman from Kentucky, sah," who no doubt boasts of taking his liquor straight, etc.

Mr. Claude Johnson is Mr. Cleveland's chief of the government bureau of engraving, and very recently has distinguished himself as a government officer by a wholesale discharge of colored girls employed at that place to make room for white ones whose recommendations are of the old hickory democratic stripe. This office is a civil service one, but that don't cut a figure with a Kentucky democrat, whose religion, political, teaches him that even capable girls, if they are colored, have no rights a Kentucky democratic "gentleman" is bound to respect. Wonder if Grover indorses such anti-civil service proceedings, and, if he does, how can he and be consistent?

From the Atchison Blade.

The speech of Hon. Taylor at the Turner convention seems to be too thin. Rascal!

From the Chicago Inter Ocean.

Had Benjamin Harrison been elected President in 1892, today would have seen a nation as prosperous as any time during the decade. The manufactories would have been open and every furnace hot, and the cry of starving millions not heard. The national treasury would not be running short seven millions per month, and the ingenuity of statesmen taxed to find methods to stop the leak.

From the Southern Mercury.

Mr. Carlisle, a few years ago, was such a staunch advocate of free coinage that he wanted the free coinage bill tacked on the appropriations, in order to force its passage. He is now a stronger gold bug than Boss Grover.

From the American Baptist.

The easiest and quickest way to convert an enemy into a friend is to let him do you a favor; the quickest way to make an enemy out of a friend is to do him a great favor. Human nature is a queer mixture.

From the Texas Illuminator.

American women are, despite the manifest displeasure of thousands of their husbands, gradually being given all the privileges of which their less halves have usually had the monopoly. We remember the day when a lady, in a clerk's office, behind a dry goods counter, in a telegraph office or in other public positions, was considered as much out of her element as a common farm hand in a cultured circle. This age of telegraphic progress, has so far tended to emancipate her by changing sentiment, that she is in every avenue of life navigated by man. From slavishly following him, she has advanced to march abreast, and often in his lead, displaying upon her merits, those qualities possessed by successful men. Sentiment has so far changed as to cause Wyoming and Colorado to put the same ballot into her hand as in the hand of her male citizens. Verily, the "sun do move" and women ar ound it.

rom the Peoples Protector.

If this government would only let little Hawaii rest as she is and turn its attention homeward and settle this mobocracy at home it would have its hands full. Our own government is the worst against its own citizens of any other on earth, more brutal crimes committed, and less punishment for same than any we can read of. Oh what a shame! on a civilized country.

THEY SAY.

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They can't always get it.

Good men will succeed.

Your friends will desert you in need.

Examples can be seen daily.

Don't ge alarmed when you hear a loud noise.

Some noise is a warning against thieves.

The police department ought to take a rest.

White people are united against the the negro.

The sooner the negro sees his mistake the better.

Be honest in all you do and then you can make no mistake.

Cardozo ought to be removed.

This is the verdict of the people.

Recorder Bruce is responsible for the high school.

Let us have peace, is what the people say.

Great men will commit blunders at times.

B. K. Bruce is the greatest negro of the age.—Hoke Smith.

Mr. Smith knows what he is talking about.

Read the BEE if you want a live paper.

In wisdom there is strength.

A man takes years to make a reputation and he can lose it in a minute.

It is natural for dishonest people to deceive.

A deceitful man is one who shows his teeth.

Be truthful in all you say.

It is natural for cowards to retreat.

Be kind to those who are kind to you.

Don't despise the days of small things.

Never abuse a man in poor circumstances.

Because a person is poor treat him with respect.

Cleveland will force the senate to terms.

There will be no change in the recorder's office for some time.

Mr. Cleveland is satisfied with the present recorder.

W. J. Howard is taking great interest in white lawyers.

He has more faith in white lawyers than he has in colored ones.

The members of his church will have more faith in the ability of another minister than they will in him.

Rev. Howard is afraid of his race.

The people of South Washington will repudiate him.

Other Baptist ministers will employ colored attorneys.

In union there is strength,

Wonder if Rev. Howard knows how small he is?

He is about the weakest man in the Baptist denomination.

His church has never been what it was since the death of Rev. Gibbons.

A great church like that should have a great minister.

Rev. James H. Lee is a model for Howard to go by.

Bill Brooker is doing a great business in the southeast.

Wanamaker & Brown are doing a fine business and many of our people have patronized them and found style, fit and material as well as low price—all they guarantee.

Champ Clark cut Marcellus West for nothing.

It is not known whether Marcellus was talking politics or not.

The police court is doing great business, notwithstanding hard times.

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WELL, IT IS SETTLED.

The BEE has published from time to time the unjust discrimination that the principal of the high school Prof. Cardozo, was making agains Prof. H. M. Brown by refusing him the use of one unoccupied room to enable him to carry on his instructions in physics. Prof. Cardozo's decision was appealed from and carried to Mr. Cook, who decided against him in favor of Cardozo. A more outrageous act never was perpetrated upon a gentleman and the pupils of the high shcool.

Prof. Brown then appealed to the trustee of the Seventh school division, Mr. Bruce, who has had the matter under consideration long enough to have settled it, and why he has heen so tardy about it no one knows but Mr. Bruce, and he ought to have known that Prof. Brown would be put to a great deal of inconvenience by his untimely delay.

Mr. Bruce must study the interests of the pupils as well as Cardozo's petty meanness. After an investigation of the matter by Mr. Bruce, he finally overruled the child's play of Supt. Cook and Cardozo and decided that the interests of the pupils should not suffer by the refusal of these gentlemen to allow the use of an unoccupied room and issued an order granting Prof. Brown what he wanted. Certainly the trustee was long enough about it.

WOODCHUNK AND SNAKE.

From the American Citizen.

Our relations with the Hon. John M. Langston is too cordial for us even to strain it about the accuracy of the report saying that he desired office of Mr. Cleveland. The whole matter is a tempest in a teapot or "much ado about nothing." The colored brother is built that way.

Now, Brother Taylor, that is really too bad.

Do you not remember the old saw?

"The black snake got in the woodchunk's hole
And he couldn't get him out to save his soul.
But the woodchunk didn't fret you know,
He just waited patiently about
Until one fine spring morning, he
Caught the black snake on the outside
And took possession of the hole himself."

Oh, have patience Bro. Taylor, you will get there.

Why so many colored women are being discharged from the bureau of engraving and printing is what the negro Democrats don't understand. On last Saturday there were nine colored girls discharged from that department. Unless Mr. Cleveland calls a halt to these wholesale dismissals there will not be one left at the end of the administration.

President Cleveland, it is reliably stated, intends to give the recordership to a white Democrat, who he will be, is not known, but some seem to think that it will be Matthews, of Albany, or Prof. W. L. Brown, the son of the late Bishop J. M. Brown. The appointment will not be made for some time yet, as the present recorder is making a good officer.

Don't fail to call at the Economy Shoe Store and buy your Christmas shoes. This store is selling fine shoes cheaper than any other house in the city. Men, ladies and children can all be suited at this store.

All negro Republicans are being discharged from the government departments, and either white Republicans or Democrats are being appointed in their places.

A man who practices one thing and acts another is not the man to be at the head of a colored church. Lawyers Hewlett, Moss, Payton and others have been asking these questions.

The question has been asked what reward Rev.(?) W. J. Howard gets for his interest in carrying colored people to white lawyers?

There is some hopes of the Second Baptist Chnrch troubles coming to a compromise.

Treachery is bound find its level no matter who m practice it.

It is about time that the Hawaiian question was settled.

COLORED GIRLS DISMISSED.

WHOLESALE DISMISSAL OF COLORED GIRLS.

Claud M. Johnson, the Democratic Chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is still making wholesale dismissals of young colored girls who have passed the civil service examinations as printer's assistants in that department.

On last Saturday nine colored girls were dismissed and not one white.

t is evident that the colored girls pass higher examinations than thewhite, and the only way they can be reached is while they are in office, and when they present themselves for appointments after a requisition has been made by the Chief on the Civil Service Commissioners.

Negro Democrats are disappeared and disgusted at the way their race is being treated by the administration they supported.

What the Democrats are not doing the hold-over Republicans are doing.

OPEN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT.

To the President:

Are you aware, Mr. Cleveland, that colored Republicans are being discharged from the public service and white Republicans and offensive partisans at that, are appointed?

Now, Mr. President, the peop'e have great faith in your determination and believe that you intend to do to suit yourself. While that is a fact, I am of the opinion that you don't mean to allow young colored ladies, who have passed the civil service examination to be discharged for no cause whatever, and incompetent white girls put in their places. I desire to call your attention, Mr. President, to the wholesale dismissal of young colored girls from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The department is under the Secretary of the Treasury and the chief of the bureau is Claud M. Johnson, a Kentucky fire eater. That is, he hates negroes, and dislikes to see them in his department. I think, Mr. President, you have too many southern men in your cabinet for the good of the negro. We all believe that you are personally interested in the welfare of the negro, and if you were let alone more colored Democrats would have been appointed before now.

There is a great deal of discontent among colored Democrats, Mr. President, and when they tell you in high sounding resolutions that they are satisfied with your administration, they are not telling the truth. They are hungry, Mr. President, and want offices; they are tired of waiting; they need money, and if something is not done, I cannot say what they will do.

Believe me to be,
Yours truly,
THE EDITOR.

CHESHIRE IN TOWN.

Mr. C. Blair Cheshire, who has been on an extended tour in the East and West with his famous Echo Concert Company, accompanied by his wife and child, returned to the city last Wednesday evening. He has had a successful tour while away, and he will now start a fine business in this city.

Cheshire is a hustler and is bound to succeed.

Mr. Lewis B. Anderson, private secretary to Capt. Cody, or the famous "Buffalo Bill," arrived in the city last Saturday, and is the guest of Mr. W. A. Stewart. Mr. Anderson will leave the city next Tuesday for Chicago, Ill., from which place he will travel with the company,

A PROSPEROUS INSTITUTION

The annual report of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company for the year ending June 30th, 1893, contains a synopsis of the Relief Department of that Company, which shows it to be in a most prosperous condition.

The Department had a membership of 22,637 persons; the receipts of the Relief Feature for the year were $425,508.32 and the disbursements $415,554.39, and the benefits paid to its members since May 1st, 1880, aggregate the enormous sum of $3,883,940.17.

In the Saving Feature of the Department, at the close of the fiscal year there was due depositors $83,386.06, as against $692,547.05 at the close of the previous year; the deposits during the year were $326,049.77, the withdrawals $188,210,76, and the amount due from employes on account of loans made for the purpose of securing homes was 601,239.26. An extra dividend of one per cent was declared on all deposits drawing interest at the close of the year, thus making the interest for the year equivalent to five per cent. per annum.

At the close of the year there were 210 names on the pension list, and the disbursements on this account for the year have been 31,954.34, and for the whole period, 201,084.16.

RAILROADS.

BALTIMORE AND OHIO R. R.

Schedule in effect Nov. 19th, 1893.

Leave Washington from station corner of New Jersey Avenue and Cstreet.,

For Chicago and Northwest, Vestibuled Limited express trains 11:30 a. m., 8:15, p. m.

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For Annapolis, 7.15 and 8.30 a. m., 12.15 and 4,28 p. m. Sundays, 8.30 a. m., 4.31 p. m.

For Frederick, †11.30, a. m., ‡1.15, †4,30 †5.30, p. m.

For Hagerstown, †11.30 a. m. and †5.30 p. m.

For Boyd and way points, *7.05 p. m.

For Gaithersburg and way points, †6.00 †8.00, *10.00 a. m., †12.45, †3·35, †4.33 5,35, 7.05 9.40, †11.30 p. m.

For Washington Junction and way points, 10.00 a. m, ‡1:15 p. m. Express trains stopping at principal stations only †4.30 †5.30 p. m.

ROYAL BLUE LINE FOR NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA.

For Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and the East, daily 3.35, 8.00, (10.00, a. m. ex. Sun. Dining Car) (12.00 Dining Car), 3.00, (5.00 Dining Car), 8,00 (11.30 p. m., Sleeping Car, open at 10.00 o'clock.)

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THE COLUMBIA DESK CALENDAR,

Which is issued annually by the Pope Manufacturing Company, of Columbia Bicycle fame, is out for 1894, much improved in appearance It is a pad calendar of the same size and shape as those of previous years, having a leaf for each day, but its attractiveness has been heightened by the work of a clever artist, who has scattered a series of bright pen-drawings through its pages. It also contains, as usual, many appropriate and interesting contributions from people both bright and wise.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

W. Calvin Chase, attorney and counsellor at law, has moved in his new down town office, 402 5th and D streets, n. w., near the Courts, where he can be seen from 8 to 4, after which time he can be seen at his up town office, 1109 I street, n. w. All kinds of law business attended to with care.

BERGEN STAR CONCERTS.

At Nineteenth Street Baptist church, Rev. Walter Brooks, Pastor, Monday evening, January 15th. At Metropolitain Baptist church, Rev. R. Johnson, Pastor, Tuesday evening January 16th. Artists: Flora Batson, Queen of Song, the real Patti of her race; W. I. Powell, Philadelphia's great Baritone and King of Fun; Mr. R. Henri, Strange, Prince of Elocutionists, Miss Louisie Hamer, Washington's favorite contralto, and Madam V. Adele Montgomery, of N. Y., accompanist, Queens, Kings and Princes will come with music, mirth and melody, to gladen all hearts. And hard times shall not prevent, for everybody may come at 35 cents admission. For terms and dates address manager J. G. Bergen, Philadelphia Pa.

Reduced Rates for the Holidays.

In pursuance of its usual liberal policy, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company announces that excursion tickets will be sold between all stations on its lines east of the Ohio river during the Christmas and New Year holidays at reduced rates. The tickets will be sold for all trains Dec. 22 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and January 1, and will be valid for the return journey on all trins until January 3rd inclusive.

Through Cars to New Orleans.

Among the many important improvements in the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad train service is the addition of through Pullman Sleeping Cars from New York to New Orleans, via Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and the famous Shenandoah Valley route, passing through Roanoke, Knoxville, Chattanooga and Birmingham. The train leaves Baltimore, 10.07 p. m., and Washington, 11.10 p. m., reaching Roanoke at 7.50 a. m., Knoxville, 3.52 p. m.; Chattanooga, 8.00 p. m.; Birmingham, 11.13 a. m., and New Orleans, 12.45 p. m.

This train is very handsomely appointed, being vestibuled throughout, and has dining car service New York to Chattanooga. At Washington a Pullman Sleeping Car, which runs through to Memphis, is added to the train.

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The Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Limited, leaving Washington, D. C., 3;30 p. m., and fast Express, leaving at 1:50 a. m., for Cincinnatti and St. Louis, are now equipped with a complete dining car service, built expressly for these trains by the Pullman Company. Pullman dining cars are also attached to Royal Blue Line trains leaving 10:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. week days, and 8:00 a. m., 12:00 noon and 5:00 p. m. Sundays, for Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. 12-1-2t.

The Commissioners were more liberal toward colored whiskey men this year than they have been for some time.

THIS WEEK'S NEWS.

A Summary of Current Events—The World's Doings for the Past Six Days Gathered and Condensed for Our Readers.

General.

Austria wants more gold.

A clever half dollar counterfeit is out.

Queen Victoria has taken an Itallian villa.

At Barcelona, Spain, 143 Anarchists have been thrown into prison.

Adele Grant, of New York, was wedded in London to the Earl of Essex.

Supt. Byrnes, of New York, wants the owners of disorderly houses indicted.

The Thurber Company wholesale grocery business is to be reorganized in New York.

James Gordon Bennett has returned to Paris from a yachting trip with restored health.

Mrs. Zella Nicolaus, who brought suit against George Gould for $40,000, has gone to Europe.

French protectionists want French farmers protected against imported American grain.

The mayoralty election in Boston resulted in the re-election of Mayor Matthews, Democrat.

Ten thousand dollars in gold was stolen from the cellar of David Stout, near Houghville, Ind.

The Federal Grand Jury in New York failed to bring an indictment against John C. Eno.

The Brazilian dynamite cruiser Nictheroy has arrived in Brazil, but the port is not divulged.

The Lucy furnaces at Pittsburg, owned by the Carnegie Steel Company, have been put in blast.

It is denied from London and Ottawa that Great Britain and Canada are seeking to control Hawaii.

The Carnegie Steel Company has cut wages, beginning January 1, in some cases as much as 40 per cent.

Juror Low, in the Meyer murder trial in New York, went insane, and the case was adjourned for ten days.

E. Frey, formerly Swiss Minister to Washington, has been elected President of the Swiss Confederation.

William Sexton, the billiard player, had his leg broken in two places by stepping off a cable car when in motion.

The celebrated Davis will case at Chicago, involving the disposal of $11,000,000, has been compromised by the heirs.

Police Captain Schmittberger now claims there is not a disorderly house open in the Tenderloin Precinct, New York.

The Pope has expressed his abhorrence of bomb-throwing and his sympathy with members of the French Chamber of Deputies.

"Tom King," the female desperado, who escaped from prison in North Dakota, shot the pursuing bloodhounds and eluded recapture.

Joanna, a female chimpanzee, has been placed in the park museum, New York, as a companion to Chico. She was imported from Portugal.

Valliant, who threw the explosive bomb in the French Chamber of Deputies, glories in his crime, and says he was aided by a rich Anarchist.

The steel-clad cruiser New York had a successful deep-sea trial. She was very steady in a seaway, and her guns and turrets worked satisfactorily.

Joe Donahue, the skater, who was beaten by Johnson last winter, is out with a challenge to Johnson to meet him at Manhattan Field, New York.

The evidence of nearly all the experts in the Prendergast case at Chicago goes to show that Mayor Harrison's slayer is an irresponsible lunatic.

The Meyer murder case is making progress in New York. The testimony for the prosecution makes Meyer a monster of cruelty and avariciousness.

"Buffalo Bill," known to civilized life as William F. Cody, has determined to be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor of Nebraska.

The Board of Health of New York has ordered the Steam Heating Company to discontinue the use of soft coal, on the ground that the black smoke is unhealthful.

The Czar's troops are to be put through their paces in the deep snow about Moscow this winter, evolutions to be suspended only when the mercury falls to 8 degrees below zero.

Active bombarding of Rio de Janeiro seems to have been resumed. Business has stopped, communication with the shipping is cut off, and Mello is said to be blockading the entrance to the bay.

It is not believed in New York that the suit of Mrs. Nicalous for $40,000 against George Gould will ever be brought to trial. The woman has gone to Europe, and rumor has it that a settlement was made.

The Deutsche Zeitung reaffirms in a dispatch from Vienna the truth of the report that the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austrian throne, is to marry the Archduchess Stefanie, widow of Crown Prince Rudolph.

At a meeting of the Musical Protective Union, in New York, Walter Damrosch tendered his resignation. He claims the union is run for money instead of art, because it refused to allow him to employ the German 'cello player, Anton Heynn.

The heirs of Stephen Mast, who owned 280 acres of land within the present limits of Baltimore a century ago, now claim ownership of land worth $100,000,000. Mast did not sell, but made leases running ninety-nine years, many of which expire next year.

John Y. McKane, the "boss" of Gravesend, L. I., was sentenced to one month in prison and a fine of $250 by Judge Barnard for contempt of court. Police Justice Newton and Election Inspectors Crandall, Cropsey and Johnson received similar sentences. Appeal was taken.

Thomas Devine, President of the Bank of Kent, Washington, and a prominent citizen of Portland, Ore., has applied to Superior Court of New York city for a divorce from Nellie English, whom he married a year ago while on a spree in that city. The woman claims to be ignorant of the marriage, although the evidence is on file at the City Hall, and also wants divorce.

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From the Texas Freeman.

Negroes are not so imitative as some folks imagine. In has been nearly two weeks since Van Alen refused to go as United States minister to Italy. Astor and Alphabet Taylor, however, are as anxious to go agroad as ever.

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Curious Scenes About the Place of Nativity—The Stable a Grotto—Religious Observances—The People of Bethlehem —Female Traits.

THE poet Lamartine, writing of the Holy Land in his "Meditations" sixty odd years ago, tells of buying an arsenal of pistols, sabres and other weapons to arm his company against the Greek pirates who infested the Archipelago Sea and of divers other dangers which made the journey to the scene of the nativity and life of Christ adventurous and lively.

A recent French writer, visiting Bethlehem at Christmas time, found it hard to believe, in these practical days of railroads and table d'hote dinners, that such a condition of affairs could ever have existed.

Arriving at Bethlehem, he says, I hastened to see the scenes of the nativity, full of expectation and yet ready to be disappointed, for that had been my lot so often in Palestine. The Mount of Olives, Golgotha, the Sacred Sepulchre, all were in my eyes spoiled for the want of that exquisite simplicity which had filled my childish visions. Everywhere the ardor of the faithful has shown itself in upsetting and improving things in a deplorable manner. So I asked myself with apprehension how I would find the stable where Mary brought her child into the world and laid him in the manger because there was no place for them at the inn.

Passing through the narrow and crooked street which cuts Bethlehem into two parts we finally reached the extremity of the burg and found ourselves in an oblong square, which in its turn opened into an esplanade paved with stone, here and there showing openings into cisterns which served for baptisms and for ablutions among former generations of Christians. In those days it was the usage to wash before entering the sanctuary.

A curious scene is here on the very border of the place of the nativity. On one side a burial ground with white tombs; on two other sides rows of bare, high walls, like a fortress or a prison. Here and there windows pierce the walls, but no doors. One looks about him mystified, but finally discovers a black hole in and out of which people are passing almost on all fours, so low is it. This is the chief entry to the sanctuary of the nativity. Having passed through this hole one finds himself in a large hall divided by four colonnades and surmounted by a roof flanked by heavy beams. People stand about talking and smoking, children play, Turkish soldiers sew up their uniforms, women give suck to their infants, fakirs offer oranges, beads and candles for sale, while Greek and Franciscan monks hurry about as if on business of pressing importance. Formerly, I am told, the Arabs used to stable their sheep here.

But this is not the stable where Jesus was born, and one is some time in discovering it. On the left two Turkish soldiers with rifles are stretched lazily on a bench. One is asleep. the other yawns. They are evidently not there from personal preference. In front of them a circular stairway goes down to a door which seems to indicate a crypt. The door passed, one continues the descent by a narrow staircase until he comes to two other Turkish soldiers, this time standing up, with guns on the floor, and on the left, lighted by hanging lamps, is the following inscription: "Hic de Virgine Maria, Jesus Christus, natus est" (Here Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary). We are in the stable.

This discovery is much of a surprise, and one's first movement is for protestation, for the simple reason that nothing at all like a stable is apparent.

Esplanade in Front of the Basilica.

We are in a grotto. To this objection the reply is made that in olden times it was the custom in Palestine to use grottos for stables. Unfortunately even this explanation seems unsatisfactory, so much has the appearance of the grotto been changed. The walls are covered with marble, and countless lamps hang down from a ceiling richly decorated with gold and purple hangings. The effect is that of a pretentious hallway in some Oriental museum. There is nothing which calls to mind the poverty in which Jesus was born, and the manger, which is seen at the right in a space supported with marble columns, is also made of marble. Finally one sees, also fashioned in marble and a little further to the right, a circular orifice marking the place where God caused a spring to burst forth when the holy family was sheltered in this refuge.

Of course Christmas is the great fete day at Bethlehem. On Christmas eve the French Consul comes from Jerusalem to Bethlehem to take part in the ceremonies of the great Christian night. The Turkish authorities place at his disposal a detachment of cavalry, and two officers with drawn sabres accompany him. Surrounded by his eight cawas on horseback in their striking Levantine costume of blue and gold, the Consul goes with the procession, which includes many pilgrims, through the holy place. About half way there, near the rock of Eli, mentioned above, the sheiks of Bethlehem and other rich people of the city wait for the Consul on horseback and accompany him to his destination, while the whole population turn out along the streets, the women and children along the terrace and at the windows, and welcome the visitors with cries and cheers. Upon the esplanade before the basilica the Turkish garrison stands at arms, while the music of the Catholic orphan asylum sounds the "Marseillaise," and then the cortege passes on to the Franciscan monastry, where the prelates of the Latin Church, the patriarch himself, who is the chief dignitary in Palestine, being present, receive the guests.

At night the Christmas service begins at 10 o'clock with a pontifical mass celebrated at the Franciscan Church near the basilica. The richest vestments are worn for this office, these having been presented in the name of the French Republic by Marochal MacMahon. This first ceremony is concluded about midnight, and then a long procession with candles in hand moves towards the grotto of the nativity. First comes the cross bearer, followed by Franciscan monks and members of other religious bodies. The patriarch comes last, and directly behind him, at the head of the laymen, walks the French Consul with his attendants. Only those who precede the patriarch carry candles, but that dignitary bears in his hand with infinite precaution a beautiful little child in wax, which, with sweet smile, seems almost on the point of crying out. The divine child rests in a manger on silken cushions, rose colored and embroidered with gold.

At the Basilica of the Nativity.

The cortege, having traversed the transcept of the basilica and descended into the grotto of the patriarch, stops in front of the spot where the child Jesus was born. The patriarch places the manger and child in the hands of one of his followers and begins to chant the story of the Nativity as told by St. Luke. Then the prelate takes the child again and placing it upon a silver star continues the service, with modifications of the sacred text appropriate to the occasion and the special surroundings. As the prelate says the words which tell how the Holy Mother brought into the world her first born son he takes the child again, wraps it in fine laces and chants:

"And here they wrapped it in clothes."

Then he walks to the marble manger and places in it the image of the new born child, at the same time chanting the words:

"And here they laid it in a manger because there was no place for them at the inn."

This service often lasts until 2 o'clock in the morning, and is finished by a "Te Deum" and "God Save the Republic." All Bethlehem watches this night, and the people, men, women and children, remain until day breaks with lighted candles in their hands in the neighborhood of the basilica.

Bethlehem is of all the cities in the Orient or in Palestine the most Christian. In a population of a little more than 6,000 inhabitants there are hardly 100 Mohammedans. It is a fact not generally known that the Bethlehemites are lineal descendants of the crusaders. They prove it to you by long parchments in which their genealogy is traced out elaborately. Indeed, there is no need of such proof, for the Ayrian type is plainly seen in their features. Under their Oriental garb one is surprised to find yellow hair and blue eyes which in no way resemble the typical Arab or Syrian. These peculiarities are not found in Jerusalem, which city was too great to be absorbed by the crusaders, whereas the little burg of Bethlehem was entirely peopled by them and has remained the residing place of their descendants until the present day.

Not only are the people of Bethlehem unique in the matter of physical traits but they have the spirit of enterprise and activity of mind and economy which are not less rare in the East than are the blond hair and blue eyes. They devote themselves almost entirely to the fabrication of pious souvenirs, which are carried away in immense quantities by tourists and pilgrims.

It is literally true that in most of their domestic customs, such as marriages and funerals, the same practices are in use to-day as existed in biblical times. The woman of Bethlehem wears a costume which is most picturesque, a long garment without fastening at the waist colored in stripes of blue, red, yellow and green, and covered at the throat with fine embroidery under which are shown short brick-colored vests embroidered with arabesque figures in yellow. Her head-dress is not less striking, being composed of a red colotte, spangled with pieces of silver, which, together with necklaces formed in the same way, make up her dowry. The woman of Bethlehem is also famous for her beauty, with regular and fine features, a skin where pink and white struggle for the mastery, and an expression at once demure and grave, which seems peculiarly appropriate for these fair descendants of the Blessed Virgin.

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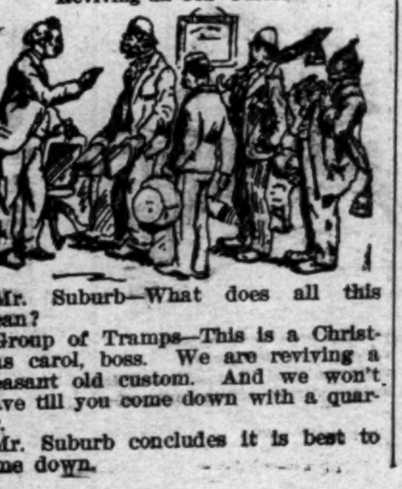

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And he lived in a lordlie halle;
And greate was his bountie to alle good souls,
For he fed both greate and smalle.

"Ye hinde he ploughed the valley land,
And he toiled both earlie and late;
For ye good Knight took one-half his store
To feed the poor at his gate.

"Ye shepherde, he kept his flocks on the hill,
But no lambe or mutton ate he; [left,
For ye good Knighte spoiled what the gaunt wolf
To give it in charitie.

"Ye merchant rode forth with well-filled purse,
But he came home stripped and leane;
For ye good Knighte met him along the roade,
And his hand was heavy, I ween.

"Ye outcaste Jew had stores of gold,
And he hid it most secretlie;
But ye torture chamber opened his lips
To tell where the gold might be.

"Oh, a goodlie Knighte was bold Sir Rude,
And he kept the Chrystemas tide;
Whoever might come to the open feaste,
Departed well satisfied.

"There was ale, and wine and meats galore,
And much Chrystemas jollitie;
But ye hinde, ye shepherde, ye merchant and Jew,
Came not to the Chrystemas tree."

Ye harper man hath gone to his rest,
Ye good Knighte likewise he;
And the good old days have long gone by
With their deeds of charitie.

—G. H. Benedict.

Christmas Mistletoe.

Christmas in America in 1621.

The chronicles of the Pilgrims, describing their arrival in Cape Cod Bay, in December, 1620, refer briefly to the first Christmas spent by them in America; and what was done in Plymouth village the next Christmas is described in the quaint language of Governor Bradford:

"On ye day called Christmas-day, ye Govr. called them out to worke (as was used), but ye most of this new company excused themselves and said it went against their consciences to work on ye day. So ye Govr. told them that if they made it matter of conscience, he would spare them till they were better informed. So he led away ye rest and left them, but when they came home at noon from their worke, he found them in ye streete at play, openly, some pitching ye barr, and some at stoole-ball, and such like sports. So he went to them and took away their implements and told them that was against his conscience, that they should play and others worke. If they made ye keeping of it mater of devotion, let them kepe their houses, but there should be no gaming or revelling in ye streets."

Day Before Christmas.

Kris Kringle Closing his Orders for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS SMILES.

"Now I am in holiday humor."—Shakespeare.

Everybody should be forgiving at Christmas.

The worst thing about mince pie is the nightmare afterwards.

It was an experienced child that said: "Give me something useless next Christmas, auntie."

There is one consolation in footing the Christmas bills—there is no Easter bonnet to pay for.

"This is the worst give-away I ever suffered," as the young man said when he sent his sweetheart a present of jewelry.

"Do you know how I'd like to keep Christmas, mamma?" "No, my boy." "Why, I'd like to keep it the year round."

"I think," remarked the poet, "that a smile is peculiarly appropriate to such a cheerful festival as Christmas." "I agree with you," said the local editor. "Let's go out and smile."

Here pictured free the visage see
Of ancient Santa Claus,
Who cometh without knocking,
And filleth each Stocking
Of ye children who give good cause

Slyly creeping, neath curtain peeping,
Behold two little Spies!
Will they see good St. Nick?
Nay, he's always too quick
For curious, prying eyes?

THE BEAUTIFUL TALE.

When the still earth is wrapped in the Christmas-time snow,
My thoughts wander back to the long, long ago,
When I was a wee, wonder-eyed child,
And all life to me was a beautiful wild
Of sunshine and daisy fields, snow or no snow—
No matter how cold might the winter winds blow.

I used to climb up on my grandfather's knee,
And look in his eyes, just as grave as could be,
And ask him to tell me the wonderful tale
Of the Shepherds asleep in the Bethlehem vale,
And the star of the East, as it burst on their sight,
And dazzled their eyes with its marvellous light.

How it led them along o'er the Nazarene hills,
By the white sleeping flocks and the low singing rills,
To the dear little Baby asleep on the hay
In the manger—and, up to this worldly-wise day,

I think it the sweetest tale ever was told!
I still to its beauty and tenderness hold!

And, even to-night, were my grandfather here,
I'd creep to his breast, and look into his dear
Old credulous eyes, and say, "Tell me the tale
Of the Shepherds asleep in the Bethlehem vale,"
And once more a child, I'd look out through the snow
On the daisy-field meadows of long, long ago.

—Belle Hunt.

WINDY GULCH FAIRIES.

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I.

Of course, we are all so wise nowadays that we don't believe in fairies. And the supposition that fairies would live in Windy Gulch, Colorado, is too absurd to be considered anything but a miner's joke. Yet it is a fact that when the inhabitants of Windy Gulch wish to crow over the denizens of Gabriel's Roost, the rival camp across the divide, they always tell the story of the Windy Gulch fairies.

II.

"Who has seen old Victimus Stiffens lately?" remarked Ben. Jarvis to a group of fellow-miners, who lay about under the trees near the camp.

"I saw him last week," replied Yellow Pete. "Came down to the store and got some whiskey and writing material. He looked shaky, and I shouldn't wonder if he was gettin' ready to write his will."

"That's why I asked," said Jarvis. "Gabriel's Roost is one ahead of us on their cemetery plant, and something has got to happen soon. There hasn't been a shootin' since Jack Litz was elected Marshal, and somebody will have to die a natural death in order for us to catch up with Gabriel's Roost. We must keep an eye on Victimus."

It may be remarked that Victimus Stiffens was the camp name of one Hugh Craig, who had come to the camp with a partner about a year before. They had staked a claim and built a cabin about a mile up the gulch, and for some months had done well, but Craig's partner, one Billy Garvin, had skinned out a couple of months before the events narrated herein, taking with him all the results of their labors. Since this event Craig had had nothing but bad luck. He was a moody, unsociable man, and his misfortune and ill health had rendered him more peculiar than ever, and less popular with the camp.

"The Injuns have a legend," remarked Ben Jarvis, "that this gulch is inhabited by fairies. They believe in fairies, you know. Queer they should have that notion just the same as our forefathers. Now, if there are any fairies about here I wish they would bring me word of Victimus. I tell you, boys, I am getting anxious about that cemetery."

As if in answer to this queer petition, there came a gust of wind, and a paper fluttered to the ground in the midst of the group of men.

"Great Scott!" exclaimed Yellow Pete. "What's that?"

Ben Jarvis secured the paper and perused it eagerly.

"Well, boys, this is queer," he said. "Guess the fairies heard what I said. Listen to this."

And he read as follows:

> To whom it may concern:
> Will any good Christian help a dying man? I have a heavy secret on my soul. I cannot die without revealing it. Hugh Craig.

"Good-by, boys," exclaimed Jarvis, rising. "Wait here till I come back."

III.

Ben. Jarvis reached the well-built cabin of Hugh Craig in less than a quarter of an hour, although it was a mile over a rough path. He found the sick man lying on an iron camp bedstead. He advanced to the bedside.

"I got your message," he said, solemnly. "What can I do for you?"

"You got my message," repeated the sick man in a husky voice. "Strange! Yet I knew it. I could not die here alone, without relieving my guilty soul. I managed to scrawl the note and to throw it from the door, and the wind swept it down the gulch. And you got it?"

"Yes," replied Jarvis.

"I knew it—I knew it. I have lived a godless life, having faith in nothing. Yet since this sickness of death came upon me I have felt there was a higher power, to which I must answer."

He paused a few moments, and then continued:

"I have no time to lose. Sixteen months ago my pal and I committed a bank robbery in the town of S——, Illinois. We managed so as to throw suspicion on the cashier, a young man named Henry Launt. He was arrested, tried, convicted and is now in prison. He has a wife and two children. I have written a full confession. Here it is."

He feebly took a roll of manuscript from under his pillow.

"Take it. See that justice is done. Don't try to do anything for me. It is too late. Leave me alone to die."

IV.

It was not long before Ben Jarvis burst on the camp with his strange tale.

"Here, boys," he said, as he ended it, "chip in. There's two of us got to go to Illinois and right this thing. If we don't the fairies of Windy Gulch will

never bring us any luck, and Gabriel Roost cemetery will beat us out of sight."

He passed around the hat, and the necessary funds were speedily provided.

"I'll write you particulars," were the last words of Ben Jarvis as he and Nervy Jelliff took leave of Windy Gulch.

V.

"We got here O. K.," wrote Ben Jarvis a fortnight later, "and went at once to the Mayor of the town. There was a lot of foolin' with lawyers and the District Attorney, and then we all went before the Governor, and he decided to issue a pardon so as to let the young fellow out about Christmas. A lot of his friends are going to get up a big dinner and reception for him, and we're invited. You ought to see his wife and kids. She's as pretty as a picture, and I'm going to have a photograph of the whole family to bring back to Windy Gulch. How about the cemetery?"

The answer came in a dispatch sent from Preston, a town twenty miles from Windy Gulch:

> Your letter received. Glad of your success. The camp is all right. Old Stiffens pegged out two days after you left. Billy Garvin came poking back, and Jack Litz settled with him. Our cemetery is one ahead of Gabriel's Roost.
> The Boys.

Gentle reader, if you should visit Windy Gulch during the present civic regime there, be careful not to throw any doubts upon this fairy tale. The rivalry between Windy Gulch and Gabriel's Roost over the cemetery record is still in full blast.

A Wall Street Lament.

Speculator (to his wife)—You must not encourage the children to expect much this year, my dear. You know I am short on stocks.

Wife—All right, John; but you just remember that the children are long on stockings.

"He prayeth best who loveth best
All things both great and small;
For the dear God that loveth us
He made and loveth all."

CHRISTMAS GAMES.

Various Ways in Which Young Folks May Enjoy the Famous Holiday.

THE happiness of children can be greatly promoted on Christmas by the introduction of games. Perhaps the Christmas presents may include enough of these to fully occupy the attention of the little folks. If not, some of the following may answer:

Coasting. — For outdoor sport nothing surpasses coasting in the estimation of young people. The game of "coasting" consists simply in seeing which boy can drive his sled farthest from the starting point at the top of a convenient hill. A running start is allowed. The hill should have a level stretch at the bottom, and the course should be as smooth as possible.

Bubble Blowing.—This game requires a long, narrow table, which may be simply a board five feet long and eighteen inches wide. The board must be covered with woollen cloth; an old shawl will do. Two stakes, twelve inches high and eight inches apart, must be set up one foot from the end of the board. Bubble blowing can be played by any number of children, and they may divide into two equal parties. Each player is armed with a pipe, and a bowl of soapsuds is placed handy. Each player in turn blows a bubble, tosses it on the table, and tries to blow it between the stakes at the other end. Three trials are allowed each player. Bubbles that break before the bowler has started them do not count. When a bubble is sent through the goal the player scores one. For single players the game is three, but it may be increased to any number desired. Generally the score is three times the number of players.

Comic Historical Tableaux. — The company must divide into two parties. One party decides what event in history they will represent, and then forms a tableau to illustrate the event, making it as ridiculous as possible. The other party must try to guess what the tableau is. If they fail, they take their turn in producing a tableau.

Blind Man's Buff.—This favorite old game needs no description. But it may be varied for a Christmas evening. The person blinded is designated as "Santa Claus." A small sack, stuffed with cotton, wool or paper, is provided. One of the players strikes "Santa Claus" with this saying: "Santa Claus can't find his sack." Santa Claus pursues, and the sack is passed from hand to hand, each player in turn striking Santa and repeating the phrase. The object is for Santa to grab the sack or bag, when the player who holds it becomes Santa Claus in turn.

The Fairy Hunt.—This game is much the same as hunt the slipper. Various articles, such as nuts, candy, fruit, toys, or other suitable gifts, are wrapped in tissue paper and hidden in all parts of the house. The game is one that all children will delight in, and, introduced at a Christmas party, will cause no end of merriment.

The Annunciation.

From the Celebrated Painting by Gabriel Rosette.

CHRISTMAS DON'T.

Don't forget the poor.

Don't make the Christmas feast the cause of a doctor's visit.

Don't present your husband, brother or lover with a box of cigars.

Don't make rich gifts when simple ones will answer the purpose.

Don't forget that it is wrong to send costly gifts which may invite an expensive return from those unable to afford it.

Don't set punch or wine on your table. Christmas is particularly a children's holiday, and their appetites should not be tempted with alcoholic drinks.

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"A Christmas gift for a bachelor bold,
One not too young and not too old,
What would you give?" I asked sweet May.
She blushed and pouted—the charming elf—
"I'd give—I'd give—I hardly dare say:—
But if you won't tell
I'll confess that—well,
Were he rich and handsome, I'd give him—myself."

—Cy Cator.

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